

**George Washington to Henry Lee Jr., July 26, 1779,
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Editor.**

To MAJOR HENRY LEE

Head Quarters, West point, July 26, 1779.

Dr. Sr: Your favor by Captain Rudolph¹ I received yesterday. He has my directions respecting Cloathing for your Officers.

As you think the two Serjts. named in your list,² Officers worthy of promotion I approve the appointments, the remove of your Qr Mr into McLane's company I also consent to; but, the appointment of an extra capt. in the Corps and 3 subs under McLane I cannot conceive necessary, the former you observe is allowed by Congress. It may be the case but I do not remember to have seen such a resolve. Such men of Capt McLane's Compy as have deserted for the reasons you mention and may with safety be brought back to it, I shall grant pardons to, and wish the Captain to take immediate steps to recover them.

You express a wish that the Corps should be considered as a part of the quota of some particular state. It is a desirable circumstance but the effecting it does not rest with me.

I have granted a Warrant for the 1000 Dolls. promised the Negro pilots, and included the 230 expended by you for secret services. I am, &c.

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P.S. I am exceedingly anxious to know with certainty whether an embarkation has taken place or not.³

¹lieut. Michael Rudolph, of Lee's Dragoons. He was made brevet captain in September, 1779, by vote of Congress; captain in November, 1791; served to close of the war.

²Lee's letter is not now found in the Washington Papers. There were, however, two sergeants of the Ninth Pennsylvania Regiment wounded in the attack on Stony Point—Henry Crone, or Krone, and — Dunlap, or Donlop, These may be the ones Lee mentioned. Dunlap was the fifth man to enter the British works.

³The draft is in the writing of Richard Kidder Meade.